THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The Government has exempted butter from excise duty for the benefit of milk producers and consumers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of non-Basmati rice

3329. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to export non-Basmati rice; and

(b) if so, what is the production of non-Basmati rice together with the domestic consumption during 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Variety-wise production estimates are not maintained. However, the total production of rice in the country during 1990-91 has been estimated at 74.6 million metric tonnes. Only marginal surpluses are available for export.

Government have released a quota of seven lakh metric tonnes of non-Basmati rice for export during 1991-92.

Report on Green Revolution

3330. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Report entitled "The Green Revolution Reconsidered" brought out by the Washinghton-based International Food Policy Research Institute;

(b) if so, what is Government's assessment of the Report both on the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors of the Indian economy; and

(c) what action Government propose to taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The study confirms that the green revolution has benefited small and marginal farmers and landless workers and not merely big farmers. In fact, it has benefited all sectors of the economy.

The criticism that the green revolution has increased poverty and unemployment has also been refuted.

Area under coarse gains production

3331. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the areas covered under the cultivation of recommended hybrids and varieties of coarse grains especially Sorghum and Maize in different States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The areas covered under cultivation of recommended hybrids and varieties during 1990-91 in respect of total coarse cereals is 15.47 million hectares—Sorghum 6.70 million hectares and Maize 2.58 million hectares. Statewise coverage under recommended hybrids and varieties for 1990-91 is given in the Statement.